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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of Duke Energy and two rate increases in 2 years are of great concern.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I oppose Duke Energy proposal to hike electricity rates by 17%. I question why this company is seeking any increase-much less such a large one during these times of economic hardship. South Carolina Retirees received in August 2011 a 1.70% cost of living increase and for Duke to ask for a 17% flat increase is very wrong. Duke Energy raised SC rates 5.2% in February 2010. Now they are going for large increases in both SC and NC to pay for the expansion of the Cliffside Coal Plant. Does Duke have plans to sell electricity generated at Cliffside across the grid in other states for more profit while it tries to pay for the new coal plant on the backs of South and North Carolinians?

Duke Energy is starting to hold a monopoly on electric and the residents of South Carolina have no choice but be price gouged by this big company.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *
(This section should be completed.)

Yes if my opinion and input is needed as a customer, consumer, and resident of South Carolina.